

New At The Library

Here's what's new at the Yankton Community Library this week:

ADULT BOOKS

- **Bittersweet** by Colleen McCullough; Fiction
- **By Its Cover** by Donna Leon; Fiction
- **Don't Look Back** by Gregg Hurwitz; Fiction
- **The Eye of Heaven** by Clive Cussler; Fiction
- **Harbor Island** by Carla Neggers; Fiction
- **The Invention of Exile** by Vanessa Manko; Fiction
- **Her Last Whisper** by Karen Robards; Fiction
- **The Long Way Home** by Louise Penny; Fiction
- **Murder 101** by Faye Kellerman; Fiction
- **One Kick** by Chelsea Cain; Fiction
- **One of Us** by Tawni O'Dell; Fiction
- **Personal** by Lee Child; Fiction
- **Red Winter** by Dan Smith; Fiction
- **The Secret Place** by Tana French; Fiction
- **Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good** by Jan Karon; Fiction
- **Son of No One** by Sherrilyn Kenyon; Fiction
- **An Unwilling Accomplice** by Charles Todd; Fiction
- **The Dolphin Way** by Shimi K. Kang, M.D.; Nonfiction
- **The Executor's Guide** by Mary Randolph, J.D.; Nonfiction
- **I Am Malala** by Malala Yousafzai; Nonfiction
- **The Keillor Reader** by Garrison Keillor; Nonfiction
- **The Narcissist Next Door** by Jeffrey Kluger; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- **Any Other Name** by Craig Johnson; Fiction
- **Blockade Billy** by Stephen King; Fiction
- **Elizabeth Is Missing** by Emma Healey; Fiction
- **The Girls of August** by Anne Rivers Siddons; Fiction
- **Haunted** by Kay Hooper; Fiction
- **Landline** by Rainbow Rowell; Fiction
- **Lucky Us** by Amy Bloom; Fiction
- **Mean Streak** by Sandra Brown; Fiction
- **The Spire** by Richard North Patterson; Fiction
- **2 A.M. at The Cat's Pajamas** by Marie-Helene Bertino; Fiction
- **Until the End of Time** by Danielle Steel; Fiction

ADULT DVDS

- **All Is Lost**
- **Boardwalk Empire, season 4**
- **Killer Joe**
- **Sons of Anarchy, season 6**

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- **The Bridge from Me to You** by Lisa Schroeder; Fiction
- **Courage for Beginners** by Karen Harrington; Fiction
- **The Edge of the Water** by Elizabeth George; Fiction
- **The Girl from the Well** by Rin Chupeco; Fiction
- **Just Call My Name** by Holly Goldberg Sloan; Fiction
- **Let's Get Lost** by Adi Alsaid; Fiction

JUNIOR BOOKS

- **Just A Dog** by Michael Gerard Bauer; Fiction

EASY BOOKS

- **Bad Kitty** by Nick Bruel; Fiction
- **Chur's First Day of School** by Gaiman & Rex; Fiction
- **A Library Book for Bear** by Bonny Becker; Fiction
- **My New Friend Is So Fun!** by Mo Willems; Fiction
- **My Teacher Is a Monster** by Peter Brown; Fiction
- **Planet Kindergarten** by Sue Ganz-Schmitt; Fiction

Summer Square Dance Festival Set

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota Square, Folk and Round Dance Association is sponsoring the Summer Square Dance Festival in Brookings. This event will be held on Sept. 12-13 and will be hosted by the Brookings Circle and Swing Square Dance Club. The theme of the festival will be "Star the Route to Brookings."

The activities will begin with a Trail-In Dance on Friday, Sept. 12, with Dan Hopper, Gillette, Wyoming, calling, and Lurita Fugier, Hermosa, will be the Round Dance cuer for the evening. The dance begins at 8 p.m. All sessions for the weekend will be held at the Brookings Activity Center at 320 5th Avenue.

A Plus Dance will be held Saturday morning beginning at 9 a.m. Dan Hopper will be the caller. On Saturday, Sept. 13, the festival begins at 1:30 p.m. The South Dakota Square Dance Association callers will do the calling for the afternoon. The afternoon Master of Ceremonies will be Hank Prasnicki, Big Stone City, and Lurita Fugier will be the Round Dance cuer. There will be business sessions before the 7:30 p.m. Grand March. The evening Master of Ceremonies will be Hank Prasnicki and Gene Hoffman, Dawson, Minnesota, will be the Round Dance cuer.

The public is invited to view any or all sessions.

Young Artists Show Slated For Tyndall

TYNDALL — Youth from the area are invited to enter the 15th annual Young Artists Show to be held Oct 1-31 at the Art & Antique Gallery in Tyndall.

The theme this year is "View of the Prairie" There are three age categories and also a People's Choice award. All mediums are accepted such as paint, pencil, ink, sculpture, pastel, photography (original computer drawings or altered original photos will be accepted, but no clip art can be used). Art entries must be ready for display. If there are questions, call the gallery at 589-4050.

Entry forms are available at the Art & Antique Gallery during regular business hours or by emailing: dakota-prairie@hotmail.com. The gallery can also be messaged on Facebook: Tyndall's Art & Antique Gallery. This is free to all who enter and each young artist receives a participation certificate. Entry information is also being sent to area art teachers and school principals.

Lofthus's Work At Hartington Gallery

HARTINGTON, Neb. — The Wirth Gallery in the upper level of the Hartington (Nebraska) Public Library will feature an exhibit of Rich Lofthus's photography entitled "Roads Less Traveled." The exhibit runs through Oct. 31.

Lofthus is a North Dakota native and a graduate of the University of North Dakota, who now serves as a Professor of History at Mount Marty College. He has been an avid photographer for over twenty years and his approach to photography has been inspired by the work of photographers such as Jim Brandenburg and Tom Mangelsen.

The exhibit will feature photographs of landscapes, architecture and wildlife found in Alaska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Oregon, California and Utah that were collected along "Roads Less Traveled."

Lofthus observed that "as a professor who specializes in the 19th and 20th centuries, my teaching often focuses on war and destruction, but photography enables me to change gears and focus on the beauty of this world. Photography provides me with an opportunity to record and share that aesthetic experience with others."

A public reception will be held at the Wirth Gallery in Hartington from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Lofthus's photography website is located at www.lofthusphotography.com/.

Benefit Set For Lesterville Sunday

LESTERVILLE — A benefit for Aaron Hough will be held Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Lesterville Community Hall, running from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

There will be a free-will donation barbecue. A corn hole tournament starts at 1 p.m., with a registration of \$30 per team. To pre-register, call 605-660-6336. Bingo will also be offered beginning at 1 p.m.

The Bookworm ... For Kids

'Ripley's' Will Be Hard To Put Down

"Ripley's Believe It or Not! Reality Shock!" © 2014, Ripley Publishing; 256 pages

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

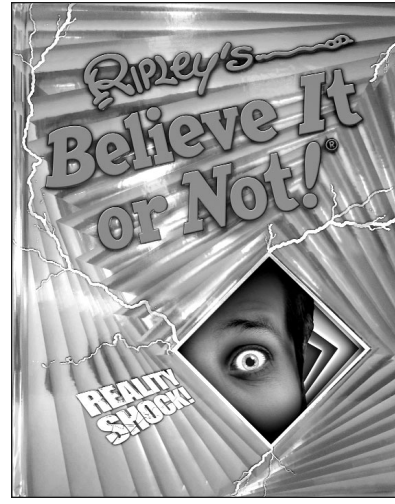
Raise your fingers high. That's what you'll be doing this school year, because you've been practicing. You'll be the fastest hand-raiser in the entire school, fingers pointed at the ceiling, ready to answer any question the teacher throws your way. You know things, and you're going to prove it with a sky-high hand, fingers pointing up.

So how do you get to be so smart? You've got "Ripley's Believe It or Not! Reality Shock!" and that helps a bunch.

Robert Ripley was one of those people with "true star quality." Everybody, it seemed, knew who he was, and they all loved him — maybe because he had a "multitude of dazzling achievements" that he enjoyed sharing with the world.

Ripley, you see, liked to travel and he liked weird, unusual things. Nowhere was too remote for him to go, and nothing was too dangerous. The novelties he collected simply astounded people almost a hundred years ago; today, you can see some of the items he might have gathered in this book.

Things, for instance, that are creepy, like spiders and alligators that lurk beneath beds, squirrels that make knots with their tails (accidentally, for sure!),



and snakes that curl up in piles with other snakes. Ripley would have liked jeweled skulls, color-changing frogs, monster fish, and a bug that looks like he's wearing fiber optics.

Ripley liked oddities, too: names that are super-long or made up of silly words; "death zones" on mountains; rickety wooden sidewalks on the face of a sheer cliff; pictures of sneezes; chewing gum portraits; or South African games that involve spitting antelope poop.

He might have personally seen rainbow trees in Hawaii, rainbow waterfalls in British Columbia, or rainbow mountains in China years ago.

You can see them in this book now. Ripley also liked things that were outside of normal, like the world's shortest lady, the tallest man (who also has the biggest hands), the largest waist and hips, the biggest foot, the longest tongue, tattooed people, and the longest fingernails.

And, by the way, how does someone live with long fingernails?

The answer to that is in this book, believe it or not ...

In the first few pages of "Ripley's Believe It or Not! Reality Shock!" the authors promise readers that "everything in this book is definitely true..." For parents and grandparents, that's really good news: ever since we were kids, Ripley's stories have been based on authenticity and that hasn't changed — it just gets weirder for the next generation of readers to enjoy.

And enjoy it they will, because this book is filled with everything a kid could want: disgustingly fascinating full-color pictures, quick anecdotes to share with friends, entries to astound, and superlatives that could spark creativity.

Packed as it is with that kind of greatness, I can't imagine any kid age 12-and-up who wouldn't like to page through this book. Leave "Ripley's Believe It or Not! Reality Shock!" lying around the house, and I think even reluctant readers will want to get their fingers on it.

RIVERWALK SPOTLIGHT

'Happiness Is So Slippery'

E. Spencer Schubert, Kansas City, Missouri

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of a series of articles spotlighting this year's sculptures in the downtown Yankton RiverWalk.

The artist E. Spencer Schubert says he "uses the figure to explore the strengths, weaknesses, tragedies and successes of people." He adds that the male figure leaning forward, titled "Happiness Is So Slippery," "has an introspective gaze and is contemplating the truths of the universe."

Schubert, who lives in Kansas City, MO., has studied and sculpted the figure across the entirety of his art career. He received his BFA in sculpture from the University of Kansas in 2000. His work is included in public and private collections, and he has exhibited throughout the Midwest.

"Happiness Is So Slippery" is made with glass fiber reinforced resin. It is about three and a half feet tall and weighs 75 pounds. The piece is valued at \$7,500, and Bow Creek Metal Inc. has sponsored its display on the corner of 3rd and Cedar streets.

The RiverWalk sculpture project is sponsored by donations from Yankton citizens and area businesses. All of the project's pieces are for sale. To be a RiverWalk sponsor, contact the Katie Hunhoff at 665-6655 or Jan Jensen at 260-0291, or visit www.YanktonRiverWalk.com. Votes for the People's Choice Award for the favorite sculpture can be made at the same web site.



PHOTO: YANKTON RIVERWALK

Freeman

Schrag Presentation Set For Heritage Hall

FREEMAN — The presentation "Letters from the Attic" will be offered at the Heritage Hall Museum on the Freeman Academy campus in Freeman at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. South Dakota Humanities Scholar Phyllis Schrag will present the program.

According to the SD Humanities website: "Participants will gain a perspective on the life and times of people who settled in Dakota Territory. The presentation is based on 50 letters in German script addressed to Schrag's great-grandfather, F.J. Meier. These letters had been carefully saved, never translated, and handed down through the generations, and detail faith, personal experiences and the

agrarian nature of Dakotas between 1878 and 1879."

Almost everyone understands how attics get filled with important and not so important papers, objects, memorabilia, and just plain junk. Schrag says, "When I retired from public school teaching, one of my goals was to clean out the attic and get rid of unwanted, unneeded stuff. While doing that cleaning, I came upon a wooden box, looked inside and found 25 letters written in German script addressed to my great-grandfather. They ended up in my attic as a result of parents and grandparents moving or dying. With my limited translating experience, the project was overwhelming, until I came in contact with a 99

year-old-woman in a retirement home in Freeman. Martha Becker translated the letters for me using her Apple GS computer to write out the translations. Later my cousin from Huron found 25 more letters and the translations continued."

The letters indicate that Schrag's great-grandfather was 19 when he came to Dakota Territory. He left his family farm home in Illinois, and his first job appears to have been to drive an ox team from Yankton, Dakota Territory, to Deadwood and Fort Pierre. She even has a receipt for the goods he brought there.

Ultimately, through his efforts, all the remaining family members in Illinois bought land in what is now Turner County. "He must have been a

spell binder in some ways, and clearly an entrepreneur," Schrag said. "Not only did he purchase land at the request of his father and brothers, he also established a grain elevator, a hardware store and a telephone company in the tiny town of Chancellor."

The hour-long PowerPoint presentation is a fascinating educational opportunity. A shortened version will be presented at Freeman Academy Chapel Sept. 12.

For more information contact Stacey Walter, Heritage Hall Museum, Freeman, SD 57029. 1-800-595-9755; 605-925-7545, or email museum@freemaninfo.com or archives@freemanmuseum.org/.

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MASON MEHRMAN

The four-star athlete lettered in three sports and won the 1993 Teener baseball state championship.

Mehrman was a part of the 1994 and 1995 state championship football teams. He was part of the Argus Leader Elite 45 team and was on the Academic All-State team. His major ac-

colades on the gridiron included: KSFY/American Dairy Association Player of the Game for the 1994 and 1995 state championship games, the Joe Robbie MVP for the 1995 championship game, and being the South Dakota Coaches Association Outstanding Back in 1995.

The three-year letterwinners in basketball was all-conference his senior year and academic all-state. He was also part of the 1996 track state championship team.

Mehrman played football at Augustana College from 1996-2000.

He married his wife, Theresa, in 2003. They have three kids: Jacoby (8), Sadie (6), and Quincy (2). The Harrisburg resident loves coaching his son's teams and watching his daughter play soccer.

Mehrman currently works at CitiBank in Sioux Falls, where he is the applications development senior project leader.

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MORNING COFFEE

WEEKDAYS 7:40AM MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

Yankton's Home Team!